TAFT TALK

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Charles A. and Edna Sarah (Barnabee) Bailey were the parents of Phyllis Bailey Hansen's father and Edna was the granddaughter of Lovina Taft Barnebee, daughter of Moses and Esther (Staples) Taft of Mendon, MA and Mendon, MI

Mendon, MA to Mendon, MI – The Moses Taft family

Mendon, MI is located on the St. Joseph River and is located about halfway between Detroit and Chicago. The area was at one point an Indian reservation occupied by Ottawas, Chippewas and Pottawatomies. As European settlers moved in a trading post was created on the opposite side of the river in 1829 and after several years a treaty brought the land under control of the settlers. The village was originally named Wakeman but in 1844 at the suggestion of Moses Taft and others it was renamed Mendon in honor of Mendon, MA (see TTT 27 Nov 1994).

Moses Taft was born 8 Jul 1792 in Mendon, MA (VR 175) but removed to NY about 1816 where he met and married Esther Staples 10 Apr 1818 in Ellicott, NY, where all of their children, except Wiley, were born. They moved about 1834 to Nottawa Prairie, about two miles from Wakeman. Moses Taft was a veteran of the War of 1812 and for a time rafted lumber from Jamestown, NY down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, but then turned to farming. He served as an overseer of highways for district 2 and certified several times that he had various stray animals in his possession. In 1838 he established a public highway and was elected an assessor. In 1840 he was a juror and again overseer of highways for District 9. He was known for his charitable and generous disposition and never turned away anyone in need. Moses Taft died 21 Sep 1874 in Mendon, MI. Esther Staples was born 6 Sep 1696 in Westmoreland, NY, daughter of Isaac and Esther (Benson) Staples and died 10 May 1875 in Mendon, MI. She was also a descendant of Robert Taft through her father Isaac Staples (Abraham Staples, Abraham Staples and Abigail (Daniel, Robert) Taft. Moses Taft was the son of Seth (Seth, Robert, Robert, Robert) Taft.

In 1885 there was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Moses Taft home, the newspaper clipping stating: "It was on 17 Jun 1835, fifty years ago, today, that… Moses and Esther Taft, with their family of five children, one son and four daughters came here to establish for themselves a future home. That home was commenced here upon the unbroken sod of this beautiful prairie when nearly all of its surface was covered with its native grass and wild flowers and when all nature seemed to say this is the place for a beautiful home and so it has proved to be… at first it was a home of toil and care and many privations but it is a home that was dearly loved by those parents for it was in this home that their children grew up to man and womanhood and it was here that each child after marriage lived with them and raised a portion of their families." (Cont p 3)

Thoughts from TTT headquarters

My apologies to all who have wondered where this season's TTT is. No, you did not miss an issue. There has been a great deal of turmoil in my household in the last few months. First my mother-in-law died (she was just shy of 101, and had a full, rewarding life). Then we put our house on the market and within a week we had two bids. Needless to say we had to speed up out packing efforts considerably. But then, unfortunately, my mother died unexpectedly aged 92-1/2, but again, she had a life full of friends, travel and love (see p 4). That put our packing plans on hold. We did find a new home and in early July we moved. Don't recognize the rooms yet, but the artwork looks familiar. All you who have gone through either or both will certainly recognize the upheaval that can cause. At any rate my apologies again for sending you the June newsletter in August!

Our members write (and made us hungry too:

Faithful and delightful cousin Louise Plumley sent us a recipe called the "Taft Cake" from the Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook, revised edition Dec 1937, published by Meredith Publishing Co of Des Moines, IA. She notes that she has not tried the recipe but it sounds delicious. She also wonders who sent it in –

Taft Cake

½ cup butter
2-1/2 cup flour
2 tsp baking powder
½ cup cream
7 stiff-beaten egg whites
1 cup candied pineapple, diced
1 cup blanched almonds, broken
1-1/2 cup sugar
½ tsp salt
½ cup milk
2 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup candied cherries, quartered
1 cup softened citron, diced

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly; add sifted flour and other dry ingredients.Alternately mix with milk, cream and vanilla, beating smooth after each addition. Fold in egg whites and then add fruits and nuts.
Bake in greased 9x13 pan in 350 degree oven for 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours.

Louise also wrote to say that she and her husband are doing quite well in spite of various ailments and arthritis. Her sister Janet (Taft) Cary passed away on June 11, 2016 after a long illness. Other family members are also suffering from age-related illnesses. Fortunately her daughter Sharon and grandson Ryan have been helping them in spite of other issues they have.

In Memoriam

Janet E. Cary

Janet E. Cary, 79, of Cowanesque, PA passed away at home 11 Jun 2016. She was born at home on Jemison Road in Westfield on 2 Nov 1936, the daughter of Walton and Bernice Allen Taft. Janet married Herman Cary on 16 Dec 1955.

Janet had been employed as a cook at the Westfield Elementary School. She attended the Cowanesque Methodist Church. She devoted her love and her life to the care of her family.

Her husband, Herman, died on 12 Aug 2004. Surviving are her sons, Terry (Joanne) Cary of Woodhull, NY, Jody Cary (Cindy Bailey) of Knoxville; her daughters, Janie (Matthew) Willis of Caton, NY, Doreen (Robert) Lanteigne of Pottstown; 23 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; her brother, Paul Taft of Westfield; her sisters, Rose Kimball of Little Marsh, Louise (Robert) Plumley of Coudersport; Phyllis (Benjamin) Potter of Westfield; several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted on June 13 at the East Troupsburg Baptist Church with her son-in-law, Matthew Willis officiating. Burial followed in Chenango Cemetery, Troupsburg, NY. (Source: www.hpsmithandsonfuneralhome.com)

Janet E. Taft was the daughter of Walton Otto, Charles Enos, Charles Laban, Laban, Jesse, Mijamin Mowry, Nathan, Mijamin, Benjamin, Robert) Taft.

Mendon, Ma to Mendon, MI (cont from p 1)

Moses and Esther Taft had the following children: Harriet who dy, Lydia, Lydia Ann who married William Harrington, Seth who married first Elizabeth Simpson and second Louisa – and had seven children, Sophia who married Abram H. Voorhees and had three children, Manervia who dy, Amanda who dy, Lovina / Lavinia who married James Stephen Barnebee as his first wife and had two children, Esther Maria who married A.Wesley Maring, and Wiley who dy.

Three of the daughters married men of Mendon, MI:

William and Lydia Ann (Taft) Harrington

Lydia Ann Taft was born 18 Nov 1821 in Ellicott, NY and married 19 Jan 1840 William Harrington in Mendon, NY. They had no children. William Harrington was born 15 Apr 1812 in Utica, NY, son of John and Asenath (Marvin) Harrington. William, aged 15, moved with his parents to Akron, OH. In 1854 he removed to Nottawa prairie in St. Joseph Co., MI. William began as a farmer in Mendon, Nottawa and Leonidas and also ran a hotel in Centreville and Pawpaw, MI. In 1855 he was elected sheriff which post he held for four years. From 1861 to 1865 he was a member of the firm Wakeman, Lewis & Co. who were the leading merchants of Mendon. He also served as postmaster and justice of the peace for several years. William was a Whig and then a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. William was a member of Mount Hermon Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Centreville, the Centreville Chapter, R. A. M., and Columbia Commandery of Knights Templar of Sturgis. He was eulogized as "Companion Harrington was among the very best known men in this county. He possessed a very sanguine temperament; was endowed with a remarkable degree of energy of character; and in his emotional nature full of the keenest and kindest sensibilities. He was one of nature's nobility and ever ready to extend the hand of charity to the needy."

Sophia Taft was born 4 Feb 1825 in Ellicott, NY, died 11 Oct 1910, and married 27 Feb 1844 Abram H. Voorhees who was born 23 Mar 1824 in Lysander, NY, son of William and Alche (Van Doren) Voorhees. Abram and Sophia Voorhees had four children: Charles G., a farmer, Mrs. E. A. (Maria L.) Fletcher, Alche E. who died in infancy, and Ellen S., an accomplished pianist. His father died when he was four years old and the family returned to NY. When Abram was 12, he lived with a farmer David Relyea for three years. His mother married Jacob Springstedt and Abram moved west with them to Washtenaw Co., MI in 1840. In 1841 he moved to Mendon "working by the month the first season, but striking out for himself the next season with a single yoke of oxen, and working land on shares for Moses Taft for two years… After his marriage he continued to farm Mr. Taft's land for three years, and then built a house on [land] he had bought before his marriage in section 26… and moved into it the same winter of 1846. In the year 1851 ill health compelled him to sell out his farms and stock and go to CA where he remained about a year. He returned to Mendon in 1854. Abram Voorhees was a Whig and then a Republican. He served as supervisor for six years, and justice of the peace for four years, besides serving in other minor offices at different times. He was deputy sheriff of the county several years, and assistant US marshal during the War of Rebellion. "In religious sentiment the Voorhees were liberal in their inclinations." His success as a farmer was noted: "His fields show excellent culture, and his well-filled barns and sleek-coated cattle and blooded horses exhibit the legitimate results of his care and skill. He has paid considerable attention to stock-raising, but latterly is more interested in improving horses, and has a fleet stallion and several colts of the Messenger-Hambeltonian stock now in his stables." See his gold rush attempt with his brother-in-law later in this article.

Lovina / Lavinia Taft was born 6 May 1832 in Ellicott, NY, died 27 Apr 1857 in Mendon, MI, and married before 1851 James Stephen Barnebee as his first wife. James Stephen Barnebee was born in Mar 1835 in NY, son of Stephen Henry and Mahitabel (Fuller), and married second Sarah Ann --. James Stephen and Lovina / Lavinia (Taft) Barnebee had two children: Moses Taft and James S. Barnebee.

Stephen Barnebee joined Abram Voorhees, his brother-in-law, on 4 Apr 1864 in an overland company in a search for gold in Idaho. Abram Voorhees kept a daily diary of their trip. At the beginning they each pledged $300 to the partnership and agreed to share equally. They first traveled by train from Sturgis, MI to Marshalltown, IA. They then traveled by wagon across IA to Council Bluffs on the Missouri River. Eventually their journey carried them deep into Montana following the Bozeman Trail. They met many wagon trains, joined Capt. Allen Hurlbut's wagon train, saw graves of other travelers, stopped by Forts Laramie and Kearny, were surprised in an Indian skirmish, and eventually reached the Bighorn Mountains. The group would (cont. p 4)

Mendon, MA to Mendon, MI (cont from p 3)

break up and re-form as some would decide to stay where they were to prospect while others continued on. Unsuccessful they returned home in August.

The entry for August 11 (Thursday) states: "we divided up satisfactory to all and Thomas [Jacobs] left us & James [Barnebee] & myself with most of the boys from Mendon [and] with many others from our train having made up our minds that if nothing showed itself better than what we had found we would make a break for home & the rest of the week and Sunday we were around among the miners that were at work & plenty of claims to buy & also found some of the boys that left our train at the big horn river that had bought [and] paid [out] all they had & now were looking for work our young men thought they would stay & try it [and] if they did not find any thing here they would try it somewhere else & James [Barnebee] & myself let the boys have what they wanted of our things sold the balance to others & made preperations for going home the prices of diferent articles of food seemed high to those that had never been in a mining town before flour was selling from 18$ to 20 in gold or double Cont. see p 6

Part of Oregon Trail showing Ft Kearny and Ft Bridger

In Memoriam

Beryl (Jones) Arnold

Beryl Jones Arnold was born 20 Jan 1924 in Brockton, MA, the daughter of John Seth and Marguerite Webster (Taft) Jones, and died 5 Jun 2016 in Charleston, SC. She spent her early childhood in Manchester, CT and West Hartford, CT, graduating from Hall High School. Beryl attended Smith College until her marriage 7 Oct 1944 in New Haven, CT to John Herbert Arnold, Jr..

Beryl worked in Herb's dental office in West Hartford, CT, and enjoyed tennis, golf, square dancing, and especially bridge and crossword puzzles. When her husband retired, Beryl became a travel agent and for ten years she and Herb, as Arnold's Adventurers, took many groups on trips around the world. After their second retirement, they moved to Dataw Island, SC where they once again had many friends and continued their own travels. After eight years they moved to Bishop Gadsden, Charleston, SC, settled in, and were well-known for welcoming new community members.

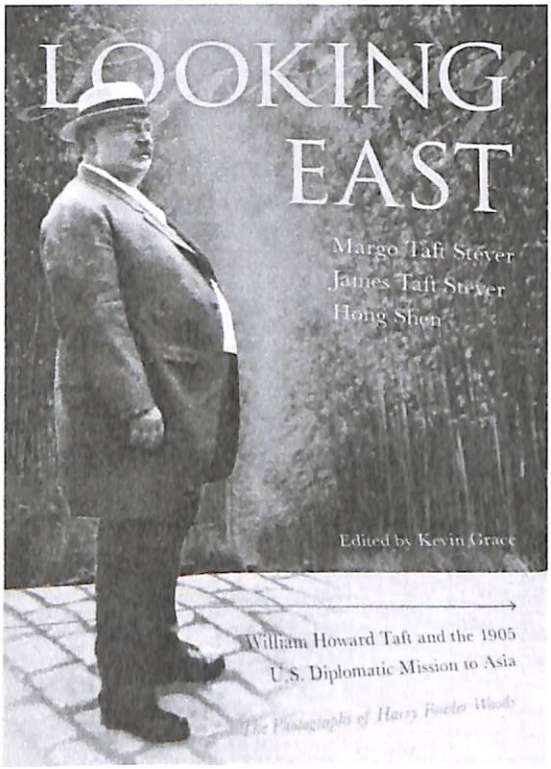
Her eulogy, written by Herb, noted that "Beryl's highest priority has always been loyalty to her family and friends, and great consideration for all. She was sensitive to people's feelings and a calming influence to her family, always ready to listen and help. She would meticulously follow any task to completion with no delay. Once having decided on her course she would not look back with second guesses. A decision having been made she would move on to the next problem with resolution. Tolerance for imperfection, and patience with other's failures marked her attitude at all times, and she was able to put any effort in good perspective."

Beryl was pre-deceased by her husband in 2014, and is survived by her three children and their families: Patricia (Mark) Allen, Stephen Craig (Patti) Arnold, and Katherine (Mark) Peterson; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Beryl Jones Arnold was the daughter of John Seth Jones and Marguerite Webster (Henry Spurr, Smith, Mijamin, Mijamin, Benjamin, Robert) Taft. She was also descended through Smith Taft's wife Hannah Albee (Benjamin Albee, Benjamin Albee and Sarah (Joseph, Joseph, Robert) Taft; and through Henry Spurr Taft's wife Katherine Edmands Webster (David Henry Webster and Sabrina Plummer, Ebenezer Plummer and Permelia Shepard, Simeon Shepard and Lois Morse, Jesse Morse, Samuel Morse and Jane (Robert) Taft.

Prospect Hill Cemetery Gravestones (cont from TTT 69 p 9, cont. on p 7)

TAFT	Jacob	1 Dec 1751 – 29 May 1823	R	Jacob (1725)
TAFT	Jacob	19 May 1823 – 12 Apr 1893	R	John (1792)
TAFT	Jacob	22 Apr 1725 – 16 Mar 1802	R	Israel (1699)
TAFT	Jacquelyn	8 Aug 1914 – 28 Aug 1945	T	Frederick Cyrus (1868)
TAFT	James	1738 – 14 Jan 1826	J	Moses (1713)
TAFT	James	1828 – 15 May 1829	J	Luke (1783)
TAFT	James John	19 Jan 1901 – 30 Dec 1966	No	John W
TAFT	James Whitman	21 Jan 1809 – 8 Aug 1834	J	Calvin (1765)
TAFT	Jane (Baker)	27 Feb 1827 – 24 Jan 1875	T	w/o Artemas K (1828)
TAFT	Jennie Isadora (Richardson)	12 Apr 1856 – 21 Aug 1863	J	Oliver (1812)
TAFT	Joanna	? – 11 Aug 1813	D	Phineas (1780)
TAFT	Joel	27 Jul 1836 – 21 Mar 1837	D	Paris Tillinghast (1810)
TAFT	Joel	15 Aug 1742 – 23 Dec 1745	D	Josiah (1709)
TAFT	Joel	28 May 1737 – 27 Sep 1758	J	Peter (1715)
TAFT	John	3 Dec 1792 – 29 May 1826	R	Jacob (1751)
TAFT	John R	21 Apr 1827 – 12 Mar 1882	R	Orsmus (1795)
TAFT	John Sullivan	28 Nov 1803 – 24 Mar 1886	J	Thaddeus (1757)
TAFT	Joseph	19 Apr 1722 – 25 Dec 1787	J	Joseph (1680)
TAFT	Joseph	15 Jan 1724 – 1 Feb 1803	T	Joseph (1693)
TAFT	Joseph	25 Mar 1777 – 23 Aug 1830	T	Noah (1728)
TAFT	Joseph	26 May 1693 – 20 Oct 1761	T	Thomas (1671)
TAFT	Josephine Victoria (Seagrave)	17 Oct 1846 – 1879	J	w/o Bezaleel (1838)
TAFT	Josiah Jr	? – 30 Dec 1799	D	Josiah (1758)
TAFT	Judith (Cummings)	26 Nov 1766 – 26 Nov 1816	J	w/o Moses (1760)
TAFT	Julia Ann (Roberts)	8 Mar 1809 – 25 Dec 1863	J	w/o Robert Gibbs (1799)
TAFT	Karl Irving	21 Jun 1900 – 1 Jul 1901	T	Frederick Cyrus (1868)
TAFT	Laura Ann	15 Jun 1824 – 26 May 1855	J	w/o Oliver (1777)
TAFT	Laura Ann Maria	7 Jul 1844 – 12 Apr 1846	J	Oliver (1777)
TAFT	Lewis S	5 Apr 1820 – 26 Mar 1880	D	Bezaleel (1780)
TAFT	Lieut Abner	28 Dec 1736 – 30 May 1809	J	Moses (1713)
TAFT	Lieut James	1830 – 22 Jan 1868	J	Luke (1783)
TAFT	Lieut Joseph	6 Jul 1751 – 2 Jul 1828	J	Moses (1713)
TAFT	Lieut Moses	30 Jan 1712 – 13 Jul 1788	J	Joseph (1680)
TAFT	Lieut Stephen	1 Apr 1741 – 3 Feb 1803	R	Israel (1698)
TAFT	Lois (Cummings)	15 Nov 1771 – 20 Sep 1858	J	w/o Darius (1763)
TAFT	Loren B (Benjamin Loren)	25 Jun 1823 – 23 Jul 1896	T	Benjamin (1800)
TAFT	Lucinda	22 Nov 1793 – 10 Nov 1841	J	Webb (1772)
TAFT	Luke	3 Jun 1783 – 7 Apr 1863	J	James (1738)
TAFT	Luke Herbert	9 Nov 1846 – 23 Nov 1906	J	Moses (1812)
TAFT	Lydia (Chapin)	? – 9 Nov 1778	D	w/o Josiah (1709)
TAFT	Lydia A (Paine)	6 Feb 1825 – 18 Jun 1891	T	w/o Sullivan Harkness (1822)
TAFT	Lydia Arnold	? – 17 Dec 1826	T	Timothy (1796)
TAFT	Lyman S	28 Apr 1871 – 2 Feb 1938	R	Dandridge Gordon (1828)
TAFT	Mabel H	3 May 1860 – 24 Aug 1877	D	George Spring (1826)
TAFT	Marcy	? – 12 Apr 1830	J	Newell (1804)
TAFT	Marcy (Arnold)	24 Jan 1734 – 22 Jan 1806	J	w/o Aaron (1727)
TAFT	Margaret (Keith)	1 Jun 1733 – 15 Apr 1803	T	w/o Noah (1728)
TAFT	Margaret (Smith)	29 Jul 1801 – 20 May 1891	R	w/o Orsmus (1795)
TAFT	Margaret Amy	11 Oct 1841 – 24 Mar 1918	R	Orsmus (1795)
TAFT	Margaret E	19 Jun 1899 – 26 Jun 1981	R	Daniel Wendell (1873)
TAFT	Margaret Stoddard	21 May 1816 – 13 Dec 1816	D	Bezaleel (1780)
TAFT	Margaret Stoddard (Spring)	26 Apr 1783 – 25 Jul 1816	D	w/o Bezaleel (1780)
TAFT	Margery (Craggin)	8 Jul 1765 – 24 Mar 1848	J	w/o Willis (1765)
TAFT	Margery (Thompson) Chilson	7 Mar 1794 – 29 Mar 1878	B	w/o Sylvanus (1792)
TAFT	Maria (Taft)	19 Mar 1801 – 7 Jun 1864	T	Micajah (1766)
TAFT	Marion A (Scott)	19 Mar 1831 – 6 Oct 1883	J	w/o James Madison (1827)
TAFT	Marion G	4 Apr 1908 – Feb 1987	R	Daniel Wendell (1873)
TAFT	Mary	25 Aug 1803 – 20 Feb 1816	J	Calvin (1765)
TAFT	Mary	16 Mar 1786 – 25 Feb 1860	R	Jacob (1751)
TAFT	Mary "Molley" (Murdock)	15 Jun 1764 – 12 Feb 1847	J	w/o Calvin (1765)
TAFT	Mary (Balcome)	8 Aug 1819 – 15 Jun 1891	R	w/o Robert (1819)
TAFT	Mary (Murdock)	3 Jan 1742 – 26 Mar 1785	R	w/o Samuel (1735)
TAFT	Mary (Pickering)	15 Jan 1805 – 1 Nov 1881	B	w/o Squire (1797)
TAFT	Mary (Richardson)	? – 22 Apr 1875	J	w/o Amariah (1807)
TAFT	Mary (Sibley)	20 Jan 1751 – 14 Feb 1778	D	w/o Daniel (1751)
TAFT	Mary (Taft)	14 Feb 1758 – 19 Jul 1832	R	John (1710); w/o Jacob (1751)



William Howard Taft and the 1905 US Diplomatic Mission to Asia now available in English

TFA Members, Margo Taft Stever and her son James Taft Stever, have recently had their major work published by Orange Frazier Press in English.

Looking East documents an historic trip led by William Howard Taft during his tenure as secretary of war during Theodore Roosevelt's administration. The Chinese version was chosen in 2013 as "the book of the year for international cooperation and promotion" by Zhejiang University Press.

Taft's entourage included prominent politicians, businessmen, and the President's daughter, Alice Roosevelt. Made at the request of the President, the diplomatic mission to Asia, included visiting Japan, the Philippines, and China. While accompanying Taft's political associates on this voyage, Cincinnatian and amateur photographer, Harry Fowler Woods, documented the mission with more than 700 photographs.

The 1905 voyage served serious diplomatic purposes: to assist with peace negotiations in order to end the Russo-Japanese War and to demonstrate the positive impact of the United States in the Philippines and on East-West relations. Overall, the basic goals of Roosevelt and Taft were to shore up the Open Door Policy in China, advance American trade in Manchuria, and enhance U.S. competitiveness in Asia. Another important highlight of the China trip is that after Taft and his party departed for the United States, Alice Roosevelt was the first U.S. woman to lead a delegation.

The 1905 mission to Asia had many positive outcomes for both Asia and the United States. Partly as a result of this mission, a treaty was negotiated between Russia and Japan; China began its first negotiations with the United States over its 1905 boycott of American goods; and Theodore Roosevelt received the 1906 Nobel Peace Prize. Furthermore, William Howard Taft and a cadre of Ohioans amassed political experience that would result in Taft's presidency.

The English edition, published by Orange Frazier Press, is a joint project between the University of Cincinnati (UC) and Zhejiang University (ZU) in China. In 2012 Looking East was published by Zhejiang University Press in Chinese. In 2015, the UC Foundation and UC Libraries published a second run in English, which they also plan to make available on-line in order to educate students, researchers, and professionals alike about Taft's important work in Asia.

The authors of the book are Margo Taft Stever and James Taft Stever with literary contributions by Professor Hong Shen of ZU and Kevin Grace of UC. For more information, please contact Margo Taft Stever, 914-332-4469, margostever@verizon.net. The English version at $39.95 is 291 pages, 7x10, hardcover with ISBN 978-1939710-222.

Margo is the daughter of David Gibson (William Hulbert, Peter Rawson, Alphonso, Peter Rawson, Aaron, Peter, Joseph, Robert) Taft

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that in green backs bacon 35 to 40 cts dried apples 35 ct per pound beans 35 cts sugar 50 cts butter 80 cts per pound or double that if paid in green backs clothing was selling for gold about the same as in the states for paper [money] horses & mules were in very good demand & were selling very well cows & good wagons were selling well oxen were comeing down & were comeing in by the hundreds every day on Sunday the streets were crowded with stock of all kinds to sell & everything was lively

"Monday Morning [August 15] we get ready to start for home we hire our passage with Charles Uptegrove he having bought a four mule team & wagon & seven of us go with him consisting [of] Mr Barrett, Dodge, [Jud] Peak, Van Ness, James [Barnebee] & myself & a man the name of John Ferguson from IA we with several other wagons leave Virginia City in afternoon & drive out about 10 miles & camp on stinking water river."

For an intriguing, well-written diary, see "The Diaries from the Bozeman Trail" by Susan Badger Doyle; Montana Historical Society, 2004.

Sources: current and past members: Phyllis Hansen, Connie L. (Barnebee) Roe, Mason C. Meyer, Mary Simpson Park, Vivian Pritchard, Bessie Van Bevers, Stella Summa, William Marshall Taft; History of St. Joseph Co, MI Biographical Sketches pp 227, 229)

Prospect Hill Cemetery Gravestones (cont from p 5, cont. on p. 8)

TAFT	Mary (Taft)	23 May 1795 – 23 Feb 1875	R	Elisha (1761); w/o Warner (1789)
TAFT	Mary (Taft) (s/b Mercy / Marcy)	26 Jun 1763 – 10 Jul 1827	B	Paul (1729)
TAFT	Mary (Wilcox)	23 Oct 1878 – 6 Oct 1947	R	w/o Daniel Wendell (1873)
TAFT	Mary A (Seagrave)	15 Apr 1858 – 15 Jul 1886	R	w/o Arthur Robert (1859)
TAFT	Mary Ann	11 Sep 1803 – 7 Feb 1856	R	Frederick (1759)
TAFT	Mary C (Garland)	Apr 1795 – 24 Apr 1879	J	Chandler (1792)
TAFT	Mary C (White)	1794 – 11 Mar 1822	T	w/o Ezra (1797)
TAFT	Mary Caroline G (Wood)	16 Feb 1817 – 18 Mar 1898	R	w/o Ebenezer (1820)
TAFT	Mary D (Smith)	8 Dec 1823 – 20 Nov 1893	J	w/o John Sullivan (1838)
TAFT	Mary Elizabeth	23 May 1843 – 8 Apr 1845	J	Amariah (1807)
TAFT	Mary Elizabeth (Davison)	1869 – 1953	T	w/o Frederick Cyrus (1868)
TAFT	Mary Elizabeth (Lovett)	23 Oct 1880 – 1 Jul 1913	R	w/o Robert (1875)
TAFT	Mary Mowry (Brown)	29 Aug 1815 – 3 Oct 1896	J	w/o Zadock Arnold (1817)
TAFT	Maude Spring (Gough)	28 Aug 1883 – 29 Aug 1971	R	w/o Lyman S (1871)
TAFT	Mehitable (Cook)	25 Jan 1723 – 1 Feb 1800	B	w/o Paul (1729)
TAFT	Mellen	18 Oct 1799 – 3 Jun 1839	J	Calvin (1765)
TAFT	Mercy	? – 12 Jun 1803	D	Josiah (1758)
TAFT	Mercy (Green)	1760 – 9 Jun 1815	T	w/o Cummings (1770)
TAFT	Mercy (Harkness)	6 Sep 1799 – 30 Oct 1859	T	w/o Thomas (1797)
TAFT	Mercy Josephine (Harkness)	17 Nov 1854 – 28 Feb 1916	T	Sullivan Harkness (1822)
TAFT	Micajah	8 Mar 1766 – 9 Sep 1849	T	Noah (1728)
TAFT	Mildred E	2 Sep 1895 – 4 Jul 1942	T	Samuel Burton (1865)
TAFT	Milton Clarence	12 Mar 1932 – 10 Jun 2011	D	Jesse Alderman (1908)
TAFT	Minerva Slater	24 Jul 1835 – 1 Feb 1837	R	Orsmus (1795)
TAFT	Molly (Greene)	22 May 1772 – 13 Apr 1836	J	w/o Moses (1760)
TAFT	Moses	26 Jan 1812 – 2 Apr 1893	J	Luke (1783)
TAFT	Moses	14 Jul 1788 – 27 Jun 1810	J	James (1738)
TAFT	Moses Jr	29 Sep 1760 – 4 Dec 1848	J	Abner (1736)
TAFT	Nancy (Wood)	6 Feb 1787 – 29 May 1859	J	w/o Luke (1783)
TAFT	Nelson E	17 Nov 1829 – 16 Dec 1869	J	Samuel (1790)
TAFT	Nettie B (Crocker)	29 Jul 1873 – 1948	T	w/o Silas (1871)
TAFT	Noah	1728 – 2 Sep 1814	T	Joseph (1693)
TAFT	Not named	11 Jun 1912 – 11 Jun 1912	T	Frederic C (1868)
TAFT	Olive	1 Mar 1806 – 27 Jan 1867	J	Oliver (1777)
TAFT	Olive A	17 Apr 1850 – 17 Dec 1866	T	Artemas K (1828)
TAFT	Olive DeWilton (Seagrave)	7 Jul 1870 – 29 Aug 1947	T	w/o Samuel Burton (1865)
TAFT	Oliver	6 Nov 1777 – 20 Feb 1853	J	Joseph (1751)
TAFT	Oliver	16 Jun 1812 – 25 Mar 1876	J	Oliver (1777)
TAFT	Orsmus	1 Jan 1795 – 8 Jul 1880	R	Jacob (1751)
TAFT	Pamelia	13 Dec 1795 – 4 Sep 1864	J	Darius (1763)
TAFT	Parna	4 May 1769 – 3 May 1814	J	Aaron (1727)
TAFT	Paul	? – 23 Jan 1804	B	Benjamin (1684)
TAFT	Paulina W	27 Oct 1828 – 28 Feb 1882	T	w/o Benjamin Loren (1823)
TAFT	Phebe (Cummings)	26 Feb 1770 – 11 Aug 1852	T	w/o Micajah (1766)
TAFT	Phila	25 Mar 1796 – 26 Mar 1813	J	Calvin (1785)
TAFT	Phila	3 Jul 1775 – 29 Sep 1776	J	Gershom (1739)
TAFT	Phinehas	3 Oct 1780 – 14 Jul 1813	D	Ephraim (1748)
TAFT	Polly	21 Jun 1809 – 15 Oct 1809	R	Samuel (1782)
TAFT	Polly (Marsh)	15 Jun 1800 – 13 Oct 1874	T	w/o Timothy (1796)
TAFT	Raymond Ellsworth	27 Jul 1899 – 13 Apr 1917	T	Frederic Cyrus (1868)
TAFT	Reed	13 Mar 1780 – 27 Sep 1783	J	Gershom (1739)
TAFT	Richard W	17 Oct 1959 – 5 Nov 1979	D	Robert Alderman (1933)
TAFT	Robert	27 May 1819 – 5 Mar 1891	R	John (1792)
TAFT	Robert	9 Nov 1875 – 3 Jun 1969	R	Dandridge Gordon (1828)
TAFT	Robert A	8 Apr 1933 – 11 Apr 1962	D	Jesse Alderman (1908)
TAFT	Robert C	12 Mar 1932 – 10 Jun 2011		nmi
TAFT	Robert Gibbs	29 Jul 1799 – 10 Aug 1862	J	Willis (1765)
TAFT	Robert Wilcox Jr	6 Dec 1929 – 14 Jun 1973	R	Robert Wilcox (1903)
TAFT	Rosa F (George)	21 Mar 1859 – 28 Mar 1920	R	w/o Arthur Robert (1859)
TAFT	Royal Kimball	1 Mar 1817 – 10 May 1878	D	Bailey (1790)
TAFT	Russell White	23 Jan 1826 – 4 Dec 1868	T	Benjamin (1800)
TAFT	Sally Ann	? – 9 May 1842	B	Sylvanus (1792)
TAFT	Samuel	23 Jan 1822 – 7 Jan 1894	R	Warner (1789)
TAFT	Samuel	23 Sep 1735 – 2 Aug 1816	R	Israel (1698)
TAFT	Samuel Berton	2 Nov 1865 – 28 Jul 1921	T	Samuel Harkness (1828)

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TAFT	Samuel Harkness	25 Jun 1828 – 4 Feb 1903	T	Thomas (1797)
TAFT	Samuel II	24 Sep 1790 – 11 Oct 1863	J	Moses (1760)
TAFT	Samuel Judson	6 Nov 1791 – 20 Mar 1794	J	Aaron (1743)
TAFT	Sarah (Richardson)	26 Sep 1756 – 27 Apr 1809	D	w/o Bezaleel (1750)
TAFT	Sarah Adeline	15 Nov 1861 – 1931	T	Charles Augustus (1825)
TAFT	Sarah Congdon	4 Oct 1823 – 16 Nov 1826	R	Samuel (1782)
TAFT	Sarah E (Bowen)	22 Nov 1825 – 13 Dec 1852	T	w/o Charles Augustus (1825)
TAFT	Sarah Frances	11 Mar 1835 – 5 Mar 1912	R	Warner (1789)
TAFT	Sarah Marsh	12 Feb 1821 – 5 Nov 1843	T	Timothy (1796)
TAFT	Seth	8 Apr 1797 – 15 Nov 1868	J	Willis (1765)
TAFT	Silas	2 Mar 1871 – 1939	T	Samuel Harkness (1828)
TAFT	Silence (Holbrook)	21 Nov 1756 – 16 Aug 1849	J	w/o Thaddeus (1757)
TAFT	Silvia Cordelia	10 May 1826 – 27 Jul 1828	J	Samuel (1782)
TAFT	Sjoeke Johannes "Silda" (Cnossen)	19 Jun 1894 – 13 Sep 1957	R	w/o Robert (1875)
TAFT	Squire	2 Jul 1797 – 14 Dec 1841	B	Sweeting (1753)
TAFT	Sullivan H	23 Aug 1822 – 16 Feb 1882	T	Thomas (1797)
TAFT	Susan (Keith)	28 May 1801 – 2 Jun 1869	T	w/o Ezra (1797)
TAFT	Susan A	5 Oct 1837 – 21 Jul 1857	T	Ezra (1797)
TAFT	Susan H	26 Sep 1828 – 3 Apr 1864	D	w/o George Spring (1826)
TAFT	Susanna	12 Sep 1805 – 13 Apr 1806	R	Samuel (1782)
TAFT	Sweeting	26 Nov 1752 – 25 Sep 1833	B	Mijamin (1712)
TAFT	Sylva	23 Aug 1810 – 2 Aug 1816	J	Moses (1760)
TAFT	Sylvia Ann (Wheelock)	3 Feb 1815 – 3 Oct 1855	J	w/o Moses (1812)
TAFT	Tabirah	4 Sep 1745 – 20 Apr 1748	D	Ephraim (1718)
TAFT	Thaddeus	13 Dec 1757 – 5 Sep 1831	J	Aaron (1727)
TAFT	Thomas	26 Dec 1797 – 24 Sep 1872	T	Thomas (1753)
TAFT	Thomas Edgar	18 Sep 1852 – 13 Jan 1876	T	Sullivan Harkness (1822)
TAFT	Thomas Jefferson	28 Jan 1832 – 26 Oct 1854	T	Thomas (1797)
TAFT	Timothy	'(1816)– 9 Sep 1824		Sophia (s178?)
TAFT	Timothy	11 Nov 1796 – 17 Nov 1877	T	David (1770)
TAFT	Trial (White)	8 May 1737 – 14 Jun 1814	J	w/o Abner (1736)
TAFT	Unnamed	5 May 1913 – 5 May 1913	No	John b ENG & Isabella
TAFT	Unnamed daughter "Our Babe"	13 Apr 1857 – 24 Apr 1857	R	Robert (1819)

In Memoriam

Elizabeth June "Liz" (Doe) Jaderborg aka "Selma Lind"

Lindsborg - Elizabeth June (Doe) Jaderborg, aka "Selma Lind", 97, passed away 18 Mar 2016 in Chicago , IL.

She was the founding director of the Lindsborg Swedish Dancers, author of numerous articles and books on the people and events of Lindsborg, an early Swedish settlement where she lived for 65 years as a wife, sweetheart, homemaker, sometimes teacher of English and mother of three children. Known to many of her friends and relatives as "Liz" or "Betty", Elizabeth was born 14 Jun 1918, in Boston, MA. Her marriage to Einar Jaderborg brought her to Lindsborg in 1943. As a non-Swede in a community founded by Swedish immigrants who held fast to their traditions, she became intrigued by the community's history and brought it to life for its children's children through her research and writings.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Einar Jaderborg; her parents, Rev. Chester W. and Florence A. (MacCombie) Doe; two brothers, Paul and James Doe; and one sister, Ruthmary (Doe) Stergios. She is survived by her sister, Edith (Doe) Ballard, of Ashland, OR.; daughters, Lorilea Jaderborg (m. Torbjorn Johansson), of Hillerød, DEN, and Elinar Lowry (David), of Chicago; son, Eric Jaderborg, of Kansas City, MO; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A portion of her ashes will be interred next to her husband, at the pioneer cemetery in Enterprise. The remainder will be scattered in places she loved in Maine, where she spent many happy summers. (source: www.facebook.com: Everything Enterprise)

Elizabeth June Doe was the daughter of Chester Winfield Doe and Florence Alfreda MacCombie (William Albert MacCombie and Florence Adelaide Seagrave, Edward Payson Seagrave, Saul / Samuel Scott Seagrave and Mary Almira Tyler, Joseph Tyler and Tryal (Abner, Moses, Joseph, Robert) Taft.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth A. Taft

Elizabeth A. "Lizzy" Taft, 81, who died 8 Jun 2015 was born 12 Mar 1934 in Worcester, MA, the only daughter of David N. and Katharine C. Taft of Oxford, MA. She is predeceased by her parents, and her brothers D. Russell & Nathaniel C. Taft. She is survived by her sister-in-law Norma T. Rohrs of Vero Beach, FL, three nephews: Robert C. Taft of Falmouth MA, David N. Taft of Harpswell, ME, and Donald A. Taft of Brandon, SD. Lizzy also leaves nine great-nieces and nephews, and eleven great-great nieces and nephews. She was especially close to three of her great-nieces, Cady and Laura Taft, and Carolyn & C.J. Mulvey.

Lizzy grew up in Oxford, MA and attended the Oxford Public Schools. For 28 years, Lizzy made her home at New England Village, Pembroke, MA, where she enjoyed a full, happy, and interesting life. Lizzy loved games and puzzles, swimming, bowling, quahogging, and boating. She loved delicious food, and enjoyed sharing good meals with friends. She loved Cape Cod and vacationed in Megansett nearly every summer of her life. Lizzy was full of joy and love for life and people. She remembered everyone's face, name and their families, and was always asking about their lives and activities. She would light up with a huge smile and her bright blue eyes just hearing everyday updates or plans. She loved to gossip and gab. She connected with people with such ease and genuine interest that they felt valued, loved and immediately that they were her friend. Lizzy's positivity was infectious. She strived to be strong and good. She focused on her work and activities. Lizzy had beautiful handwriting and wrote hundreds of letters to family and friends. She was skilled at cross stitching and knitting and generously gave her work to the ones she loved. (source: www.magounbiggins.com)

Elizabeth A. Taft was the daughter of David Nathaniel (Nathaniel Elkanah, Allen, Elkanah, Nathaniel, Thomas, Thomas, Robert) Taft. Thank you to Pamela King for sharing this information.

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TAFT	Walter Adolphus	1 Feb 1844 – 17 Jun 1862	R	Orsmus (1795)
TAFT	Walter R	25 Jan 1851 – 24 Apr 1931	J	Amariah (1807)
TAFT	Walton Chandler	7 Nov 1854 – 12 Nov 1911	J	Augustine Calvin (1817)
TAFT	Walton D	3 Mar 1862 – 24 Feb 1872	D	Lewis Spring (1820)
TAFT	Warner	15 Sep 1789 – 3 Apr 1837	R	Samuel (1735)
TAFT	Watee Elizabeth (Wood)	8 May 1836 – 27 Oct 1894	T	w/o Samuel Harkness (1828)
TAFT	Webb	26 Mar 1772 – 21 Apr 1842	J	Abner (1736)
TAFT	William Adolphus	? – 7 Nov 1840	R	Calvin (1813)
TAFT	William Hathaway	27 Feb 1831 – 3 Mar 1884	J	Adna (1801)
TAFT	William Jefferson	19 May 1860 – 18 Feb 1926	T	Samuel Harkness (1828)
TAFT	William Jefferson Jr	25 Feb 1901 – 1951	T	William Jefferson (1860)
TAFT	William R	3 Jul 1951 – 12 Jul 1976	D	Robert Alderman (1933)
TAFT	Willis	13 Aug 1765 – 6 Dec 1841	J	Aaron (1727)
TAFT	Zadock	15 Aug 1763 – 15 Nov 1843	J	Aaron (1727)
TAFT	Zadock Arnold	11 Nov 1817 – 11 May 1887	J	Zadock (1763)
TAFT BALLOU	Naomi Content (Haynes)	19 May 1814 – 2 May 1898	D	w/o Royal Kimball (1817)
TAFT BENSON	Lucretia (Newell)	24 Sep 1795 – 29 Dec 1863	R	w/o John (1792)
TAFT SHOVE	Bashaba (White)	11 Dec 1802 – 22 Apr 1878	T	w/o Benjamin (1800)
TAFT TAFT	Relief (Kimball)	? – 9 Jan 1864	D	w/o Phineas (1780), w/o Bailey (1768)
THAYER	Chloe (Taft)	10 Mar 1793 – 3 Apr 1869	D	Bezaleel (1750)
THOMPSON	Katherine (Taft)	26 Feb 1753 – 17 Dec 1836	B	Paul (1729)
THURBER SPRING	Harriet (Taft)	25 Jul 1795 – 3 Sep 1852	R	Frederic (1759)
TYLER	Mrs Huldah (Taft)	21 May 1780 – 11 Oct 1811	J	Joseph (1751)
TYLER	Mrs Trial (Taft)	13 Apr 1777 – 17 Aug 1815	J	Abner (1736)
VARNEY	Abba Caroline (Taft)	16 Jul 1833 – 24 Dec 1863	J	Robert Gibbs (1799)
WARREN	Mrs Parla Parilla "Parley" (Taft)	5 Mar 1798 – 26 Sep 1852	R	Frederick (1759)
WHEELOCK	Irene (Taft)	19 Sep 1816 – 26 Jan 1900	J	Luke (1783)
WHEELOCK	Jennie Goulding (Taft)	12 Oct 1856 – 20 Jan 1932	R	Daniel Waldo (1833)
WHITE	Jennie (Taft) (sic: s/b Jemima)	1 Apr 1713 – 14 Oct 1787	R	Robert (1674)
WHITE	Lucinda (Taft)	15 Mar 1826 – 5 Mar 1906	T	Ezra (1797)
WHITMORE	Harriet Amy (Taft)	10 Dec 1863 – 17 Oct 1915	J	John Sullivan (1803)
WOOD	Sarah (Taft)	15 Jan 1815 – 24 Dec 1898	J	Luke (1783)

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